

[13th November 1922]

*Schools, etc., for the fishermen community.*

445 Q.—MR. S. SOMASUNDARAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to furnish the following information:—

(a) how many schools were started and how many co-operative societies were organized by the Fishery department for the benefit of the fishermen community on the East Coast before the control was handed over to the Labour Commissioner;

(b) what is their condition now; and

(c) whether any more societies and schools have since been organized by the Labour department?

A.—(a) One school and 13 co-operative societies.

(b) The school is working satisfactorily under the control of the Labour department. As regards the co-operative societies, a report has been called for from the officers concerned on their present condition.

(c) Five co-operative societies have been started by the Labour department in the Gōdāvari district, of which two have been registered. The question of starting a society for the fishermen of Karuppur, Trichinopoly district, is under consideration. Six day schools in the Gōdāvari district and one day and night school in the Chingleput district and another day and night school at Narayanaswami Tottam near Adyar have also been started.

*Muhammadan representation in Tiruvottiur union.*

446 Q.—MR. S. SOMASUNDARAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Macdoom Sahib of Tiruvottiur submitted a memorial to him;

(2) whether it is a fact that there are nine elected members and three nominated members in the Tiruvottiur union board;

(3) whether it is a fact that there is not a single Muhammadan gentleman amongst them;

(4) whether there was any Muhammadan candidate for the nomination;

(5) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Pattabhiramayya was nominated;

(6) whether it is a fact that Mr. Pattabhiramayya was once a chairman of Tiruvottiur union until 1918 and was compelled to resign his chairmanship in the Tiruvottiur union and membership in the Saidapet taluk board and Chingleput district board; if so, under what circumstances; and

(7) whether the name of Mr. Pattabhiramayya is in the electoral list of Tiruvottiur union board; if not, why not? and whether he has residential qualification required under section 56, Local Boards Act?

A.—(1), (2) & (3) The answer is in the affirmative.

(4) No suitable Muhammadan candidate was available for nomination.

(5) The Government understand that Mr. Pattabhiramayya was nominated by the taluk board president.